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**AMENDMENTS AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2004 please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted concurrently herewith are: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (b) Exhibits A and B. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Prior to further examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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